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CLUB ROOM NOTES

The Farm Credit Club library has recently received the following new books:

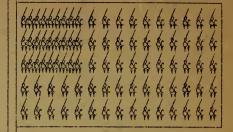
The Lady in the Lake by Raymond Chandler Mrs. Heaton's Daughter by Dorsha Hayes Arrival and Departure by Arthur Koestler Anger in the Sky by Susan Ertz Taps for Private Tussie by Jesse Stuart

The return of Farm Credit Club library books cannot be accepted by librarian outside of library hours which are from 11:30 a.m., till 2:00 p.m.

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Man: Waiter, the veal chops don't look so tender to me.

Waiter: Sir, less than a month ago those chops were chasing after a cow. Man: Without a doubt, but not for milk. FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



New FCA Employees to Service:

Brewer, James L. Jr. Mobberly, C. Hortense Smith, Mary Louise

Total 191

News From Field And Camp

LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Sgt. David T. Stanley (33446722, Hq. & Hq. Sqn., L. A. A. F., Laredo, Texas) You may be interested to learn that I'm in the training racket again. Following my graduation from gunnery school, I was made an instructor in the school. Right now I'm halfway through a 2-weeks' instructors school, after which I'll start work. I'm looking forward to it. I had a lot of fun in my last 2 weeks of school. First I had a week of firing from the back seat of a small, active plane. Then there was a week of firing from turrets mounted in AT-18's (the old Lockheed Hudson bomber). Both weeks we shot bullets with colored paint on them at cloth targets towed by another plane. I made average scores

with the machine gun, but I'll be a better teacher than gunner. I remain the worst shotgun artist in Texas. Best wishes to you and all the gang.

T/Sgt. Mervin D. Boyd (32250332, 31st Service Squadron, APO #896, c/o P.M., Seattle, Wash.) The Aleutians - I've been in the same place since last March but until recently I couldn't say that I was in the Aleutians. A couple of months ago we took down our tent and put up a hut in place of it. The wind blows twice as hard here as any other place in the world and this is the only place that it rains or snows horizontally instead of vertically. I'm still what they call a "pencil pusher" and since the first of August I've been the Base Personnel Sgt. Major.

PFC Ira Castles (5th SCU, Randolph Field, Texas) Your Christmas card and gifts are very welcome. The gift serves as a connection with civilian life and the days of peace that is pleasant. That this connection gets thin in some respects, even for us who haven't seen any combat, is illustrated by the fact that only once during the past 6 months have I been in a home and it seemed very odd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you.

Elizabeth Ann Egy, SP (4) 3/c (USNR, USNaval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn.) I want to thank every one of you for such a lovely Christmas package. What a pleasant surprise it was yesterday when I came to work and found your gift. The assortment was a grand idea and just

what someone in the service can use and enjoy. Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Capt. L. E. Mullally, (Judge Advocate General's School, Ann Arbor, Mich.) I received my first Christmas gift yesterday and want to thank you for it. This is a return to Law School for 4 months to learn the intricacies of the system of Military Justice, including court martial, etc.

Lt. Col. H. H. Hendricks (Hq. & Hq. Det. S.O.S., APO 628, c/o P.M., New York) Just a note to give you my current address in accordance with instructions contained in the Grapevine dated September 8, 1943, received here in India yesterday. Sure is a welcome addition to the limited amount of reading matter we have here. Best of luck.

CHANGES IN CLUB PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS

The Glen Book Shop in the Hotel
Muchlebach has canceled its discount
arrangements for the duration of the war
on account of the difficulty of obtaining merchandise.

The Southwest News Company no longer will accept orders for books or magazines from individual members of the Farm Credit Club. However, such orders may be placed with Mary Frances Sandoval, who will combine the orders and transmit them to the Southwest News Company so that members may obtain the usual discount. Orders will be accepted by Miss Sandoval in the Club Room from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

Strictly Personal

Central Office Accounting. Mary and Eileen Hague enjoyed a visit from their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hague of Omaha... Zella Mize and Wallace Tuell of Peoria, Ill., now are sharing ration cards. The wedding took place at the Grand Avenue Methodist Church on December 7. Attendants were Mrs. Herbert Clink of Chicago and Capt. Harold Rathbun of Philadelphia, who flew here for the event. The couple will be at home temporarily in Kansas City... We welcome back a former member of Audit Unit. Miriam Lehman, who has been with FDA in Denver, and who says she is happy to be back with FCA...Keith Dellinger has a date with Uncle Sam in Fort Leavenworth on December 15... Virginia Crim from Reports Section is a new member of Pay Roll Office... John Reed was called to Agency, Iowa, because of the illness of his mother...We are proud of Clarice Andrews who has become a member of the GALLON club upon her EIGHTH donation of 1 pint of blood to the Red Cross... It was a delightful surprise for Ruth Peterson and the "old gang" (Reports Section people) to receive a V-mail Christmas greeting from Major Elmer Humphrey who is in North Africa.

Cooperative. S. D. Sanders spent an enjoyable week end visiting relatives and renewing friendships in "ye ole

home town" of Springdale, Arkansas...
Bernice Meuers goes to Administrative
Division as Mr. Rapp's new secretary...
Interested friends would like to know
who is the new member of the McConnell
car pool!

Examination. Eileen Fascher is joyfully starting to her home in Kimball, S. Dak., for a vacation...Former Examiner Ira McCarty who has just returned from Australia was visitor in the division... Dorothy Wilson was matron of honor at the wedding of her sister—in—law at the East Side Presbyterian Church on December 11...We hear that the result of Agnes Nemanich's day off spent "putter—ing around the kitchen" was a delicious blueberry pie...George Bartlett is happily ensconced in his new home on 61st Street Terrace.

Finance & Accounts. Betty Hooper stopped in to greet friends in Tabulating Unit...Lorraine Morava has assumed new duties in Central Office Accounting and Pauline Norton fills her place ... Welcome to two new members of our group. Gertrude Bukaty and Margaret Zinn ... Alzada Harbert who is transferring to the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Kansas City will be missed by Reports Section ... Walter Reeker is looking for a new noonday bowling opponent to fill Alzada's place...Marie Storms writes from Tacoma, Wash., "The scenery is beautiful. Mt. Rainier stands way up in the sky, snow covered, with fir trees. The Sound is beautiful and more fun to watch. Little tiny tugs pulling great big barges honk twice and big bridges turn to let them through."

Governor's Office. Our Marine, Jeanette Walker, sends the message from Cherry Point, N. C., that she is now an "engaged woman."...Mary Lou Vance enjoyed several days in Austin, Texas...Two happy vacationers leave this week end, Leanore Haslup for Washington and Ann Cowan for Altoona, Pa....Ann Cowan has received notice that her application for admission to the Cadet Nurse Corps has been accepted. She will report on January 27 at Research Hospital School of Nursing.

Graphic & Duplicating. Edna Misterek enjoyed a visit from her mother who was en route from California to her home in South Dakota... "Papa" Russell is the proud possessor of a baby boy weighing 9 lbs., 12½ ozs., born on December 6.

Land Bank. Helen Limke writes from California. "We drove down to Laguna, a 2-hour drive along the coast, to the Victor Hugo Inn. It is on a hill overlooking the ocean with flowers blooming all the way down to the beach. A lovely spot. "... We hear that our Spars, Mary Louise Smith and Hortense Mobberly. en route to Palm Beach, enjoyed a visit at the USO in St. Louis between trains ... Sally Tacker has begun a series of trips to Denver to visit Carl who is stationed there... Our WAC. Gertrude Grove, visited us on her return to Santa Ana. Calif., from a furlough spent at her home in Luray, Va. The day she visited FCA was her first anniversary with the WAC'S. She was the guest of Alma Day of Cooperative Division during her stay in Kansas City... The retirement of James McKittrick, appointed December 10, 1917, who served continuously as land bank appraiser and enginner appraiser in the Land Bank Division (most of the time with the FLB of Spokane) brings to light the interesting fact that his is one of the longest periods of continuous appraisal service on record.

Mail. Welcome to Mildred Schmeltz who has joined our group...Oliver Mitchell is our new chauffeur since Harvey Miller's transfer to the Governor's Office.

RACC of Washington. Welcome to Fred Wallace from the Washington Liaison Office who will be in Kansas City permanently... A feast of delicious apples was enjoyed by the office, thanks to W. E. Mullikin of the Wenatchee RACC who brought two boxes when he visited us...Lilian Masse has gone to Intermediate Credit Division as Mr. Van Sant's new secretary.

Solicitor's Office. With our best wishes. Pauline Neider left on December 3 to accept a position with the War Department in her home town of Topeka. Kansas... The welcome mat is out for our two new attorneys, Florence Middelkamp and F. R. Olmsted, who joined our staff on December 1. Miss Middelkamp was previously with a local insurance company and Mr. Olmsted comes from the Wichita Bank for Cooperatives ... Friends of Leonard Robinson, retired, will be interested to learn that he is - residing with his sister. Mrs. E. B. Rudnick. 164 Westminster Road, Brooklyn, New York.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Bert Hayner is giving out cigars - the proud father of a new son... We had a surprise visit from Millie Turner and her handsome husband, Ensign Smith (Navy Flier). on their way back from Florida. How does our blood donor record stack up with the KC record? We have 26 on our honor roll out of 82 employees, adding B. F. Viehmann, Helen Messler, W. W. Fetrow, and Len Wooten (who by the way is just in from Wenatchee) as new doners this month, with Grace McGuire, Henry Bradford, and Larry Mann earning their silver buttons, while John L. Wann, Beatrice Dragon, and J. Kenneth Samuels gave their second donation.

CR&S Division is holding its 1943 Annual Workshop Conference from December 13 through 17. Governor Black, J. D. Lawrence, T. G. Stitts, F. L. Thomsen, W. G. Wysor, Dr. E. G. Nourse, B. B. Derrick, George Henning, and F. G. Bomberger are scheduled to be on the program.

FORMER FCA'ER SCORNS RETIREMENT

Seventy years old November 27 and with almost 30 years of Government service to his credit, Charles P. Johnson, auditor in the fiscal division of the Office of Price Administration, reported for work as usual the other day with no plans for retirement.

His 70th milestone was celebrated by his colleagues, however, who gave him a surprise party, a \$50 War Bond and a handsome pipe.

Mr. Johnson was with the Federal Farm Loan Bureau and the Farm Credit Administration for about 17 years before accepting his present position in March, 1942. He began his Government service as postmaster in Montreat, N. C., and later served with the Shipping Board and the War Finance Corporation.

SWEET POTATOES UNDERFOOT

Proof that life can exist far from sunlight and air is offered by the fact that a sweet potato vine has beautified the entrance of room 1315F for the past several months.

A common sweet potato grown at Lees Summit, Missouri, gave Agnes Nemanich the idea of experimenting with plant life in a windowless and workaday atmosphere. She was surprised by the sudden sprouting of a vine which, nourished by fresh water and encouraged by a bit of string, in 3 months had grown to a length of some 8 or 9 feet and was en route down the hall when she decided to remove it and start a fresh vine.

The new vine now 1 month old is about 7 feet in length and startlingly lovely with its variously shaped leaves patterned against the ivory of the wall. (Ann Buchanan)

HIKE IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY PARK POSTPONED

Because of the inclement weather, the Club hike to Wyandotte County's new recreational area has been postponed until spring. The hiking committee plans another hike for the middle of January to some nearby suburban area.

FARM CREDIT CLUB PLAY POSTPONED

The Farm Credit Club production, "On The Bridge at Midnight," has been postponed until the third week in January because of a misunderstanding with the management of the Resident Theater. Refunds for tickets already purchased may be secured from your contact committee representative. Date and place of the play will be announced as soon as definite arrangements can be made.

IRRIGATION'S NOT A DRY SUBJECT (Continued from last issue)

W. R. Parkhill's first trip East was made when he attended the first conference of reviewing and chief appraisers held early in 1928 when the Federal Farm Loan Bureau offices were in the old Land Office building. A year later he was called to Washington again and following the reviewing appraisers' conference went to Puerto Rico to report on irrigation projects there. Most of the irrigation on the Island was for sugar cane. This trip in February 1929 was made about 5 months after the disastrous hurricane of 1928. This experience and a later investigation in 1933 of the citrus areas in Florida resulted in his carrying out a study of the hazards caused by the West Indian hurricanes as affecting the citrus industry of the Florida Peninsula.

Since Mr. Parkhill went to Washington in 1930 to head up the engineering section in the Appraisal Division, his work, including earlier travel in the two western districts, has taken him into all but three of the 48 States. The scope of problems investigated was broadened to include drainage generally, flood hazards in the Missouri and Mississippi valleys and other areas, and also problems arising from damage to farm lands, buildings, and domestic water supplies caused by subsidence following coal mining in several areas.

Travel while with the Bureau of Reclamation and later with the farm credit system in the far west included every known means from foot and horseback to airplane (one trip only). One survey of a river canyon involved use of a rowboat on the river for day to day transportation and moving out by pack horses when the work was completed. He has twice found it necessary to walk 30 miles in a day with a light pack. Such experiences and much time spent in the open on surveys and project inspections over a 25-year period, he believes, accounts for his good health to the present time. He recommends walking in the open country fresh air to the denizens of the FCA underground. Golf will do.

Mr. and Mrs. Parkhill recently have returned from a trip to Mississippi to see their son, William H. Parkhill, now a Major in the Army Air Corps, and to get acquainted with a 5-month old granddaughter. Returning through St. Louis, they met their daughter, Mrs. John P. Wade, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and another granddaughter, 7 months old. Mrs. Wade, whose husband is now in the army, and daughter came

to Kansas City with them, probably for the duration. That's why "granddad" pops out his door when the 5:30 gong rings.

Mr. Parkhill is eligible for voluntary retirement but expects to continue in service at least for the duration of the war unless other conditions change his plans. But when retirement comes, he says, "Ever since I left my native home by a lake in Minnesota I have wanted to do some sailing. After all, sailing is something of an engineering problem. You know, every time I take a western trip and the engine quits laboring up the Continental Divide and the train begins to roll down the other slope. I have a feeling that I am going home. You see, I went West in 1907 and have spent a great deal of my time out there. So I suppose I'll have to hunt up a nice cove on a bay somewhere along the Pacific Coast where I can have a sailboat. Of course, if anybody happened to want some help on an irrigation or drainage problem in poor sailing weather, I might be persuaded to let down the anchor. "

CREDIT UNION NOTES

This week's \$1 prize offered by the FCA Employees' Federal Credit Union goes to Helen McCabe whose experience in borrowing and saving with the Credit Union covers a period of more than 9 years.

EXCERPTS FROM "MY DAY" (with apologies)

Sept. 17, 1934 - Gosh, if I'm going home for Christmas I gotta save some

money. Guess I'll putta coupla bucks in the Credit Union. (And I did every pay day - almost.)

Dec. 20, 1934 - If I draw that money out, I'll lose interest. I'll getta loan. (So I did.)

Jan. 15, 1935 - Paid on loan. Put something on credit side, too. Notta bad idea. (And it wasn't.)

July 1, 1936 - Bought new furniture. Borrowed from Credit Union and saved carrying charge. Think I'm smart. (And I was.)

And so

through the years

Dec. 1, 1943 - The Credit Union is certainly an ace in the hole, sez me - a charter member (on both sides of the book). (Helen McCabe)

A prize-winning letter on "How the Credit Union has helped me" will be published in each of the next four issues of the Grapevine. Every member of the Credit Union is eligible to compete in the contest. Letters are limited to 100 words or less.

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While taking his physical, the prospective draftee was asked by the doctor if he could read the fourth line on the eye chart.

"Read it! " he exclaimed. "Why I know the guy personally. He played football at Fordham last fall."

CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 24

Santa Claus not only is coming to town - he's paying a special visit to Farm Credit under the auspices of the Farm Credit Club, which invites all employees to a Christmas party in the Little Theater, Friday, December 24, at 3 p.m.

There'll be everything traditionally associated with Christmas - decorations (including m-s-1-t-e); peanuts and popcorn and Christmas punch. There'll be dancing and carol singing - and there'll be gifts, too.

"It's the Club's way of saying Merry Christmas," says President Gray Hume. "Every-thing's planned to start the holiday week end right, and we sincerely hope everyone will be on hand."

PICK TRAVEL PIX

Travel and geography are the favorite motion picture subjects of Farm Credit employees, according to a tabulation of 174 questionnaires recently returned to Carl A. Cleek. These subjects were preferred by 139 persons, with news subjects running second, the preference of 113.

So far as possible, future programs will be based on the preference expressed, Cleek said. The program for December 21 features a travelog, "Exploring Old England with Will Pogers," with a cartoon, "Puss & Boots," and a sports short, "Football Thrills of 1942," completing the bill.

Pictures are shown in room 1345E.

Here is the way the questionnaire showed preferences:

Travel and Geography	139
North America	90 .
Europe ·	.84
Asia, Australia, Far East	93

News .		113
Historic		73
War ·		67
Nature Study		53
Agriculture		42
Health		36
Other	•	37
Cartoons	17	
Comedy	. 4	
Sports	5	
Science	4	
Miscellaneous	7	

MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE TO HOLD TURKEY SHOOT

Due to the lack of ammunition, the Men's Bowling League will hold a big turkey shoot next Monday evening, December 20, with bowling balls and ten-pins. Two big gobblers will be given to the two bowlers with the highest gross sets. Other prizes will also be awarded.

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Max Menk, representing the Farm Credit Men's Bowling League in the Grindel -Lembke scratch classic, finished in sixth place for bowlers under 180 average and received a nice prize. He averaged 190 for 5 games.



Dere ma:

Well, Ma, this plais gets fassynatiner and fassynatiner. Maybe you remember, Ma, last summer we had buggs. In the winter, Ma, we don't have buggs. We have mise. I guess maybe there ain't nothing more fassynatin than a bugg unless it is a mowse.

You talk a mowse, Ma, and it runs through the offis so fast you can scarsely keap your eye on it, but then, Ma, who wants to keap his eye on a mowse and ain't it awful the way these ray-on socks bag at the nees?

Well, Ma, I been Crismus shopping this weak. Crismus shopping - that's another naim for a commando raid, and it ain't no plais for a mear man. Crismus shopping wimmin is nacheral boarn commandoes, Ma.

Finding things fer giffs ain't easy this yeer, ether. All they got is ether what you don't want or what you can't figger out it is, so that's what I bought. I hoap ant Lizzie likes what I bought her. It looks like it ought to be good for sumthing, but I don't no what. You mite let me no what she does with it, and if she likes it after she does it.

It's sure hard to get the Crismus spirrit this year, though. You can't afford it in the first plais and it ain't fit to drink in the secound plais. I bin looking all over for sumthing to pore over the plumb pudding at Crismus to burn, but the closest I come so far is cole oil.

Yore loving son

Willy

"CKLAHCMA" RECORD ALBUM ACQUIRED

The Club's board of directors has appropriated \$50 for the addition of new records to the lending library. Decca's 6-record album containing all the songs of "Oklahoma" sung by the Theater Guild's New York cast already has been purchased. All music lovers are invited to hear these records played in room 1345E on Wednesday, December 22, at 12:30 p.m.

Other recent acquisitions by the Club's lending library include these two albums: "This Is The Army" and "Strauss Waltzes." These albums and many others may be borrowed for a nominal fee to play at home on your own phonograph. Ask Miss Sandoval in the Club Room any noon hour for further details.

(P. L. Rapp)

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All medical science needs to do now is to invent one more pill - to remove that tired feeling after listening to vitamin plugs on the radio.



BOWLING

December 6: Paced by McClurg who bowled 195-516, Administrative unleashed a savage attack in the last 2 games against Accounts to give them 2-up for the evening. Greenfield was the other heavy contributor for Administrative. Mehaffy was the only member of the Accounts team to bowl in the 400 class. His 434 topped all the other members, including the dummy. The Land Bank aggregation appears to have a little difficulty in locating the headpin. Hanging up a total of 2.094. one of their lowest of the season. they were lucky to win one game from Graphic. Jones, Porter, and Weinberg were responsible for the double defeat handed to the perch-setters. Joe Spelman's 517 represented high 30 for the evening. This, together with Ganley's 495 and Selby's 431, gave the Legal team the odd game in their match with Reports. Hein's 491 was high for the league's heavy maulers. Mortgage Corporation, spotting the Coops. team a generous handicap of one pin, took the opening and closing games from the Frazee-ites. Fowler and Frazee with 499 and 464, respectively, were the big noise in this match.

<u>December 13</u>: Prentice, substituting for Accounts, was a thorn in the side to his fellow employees on the Land Bank team.

His 447, consisting of games ranging from 141 to 155, and Mehaffy's 501 were the reasons why the league-leaders received a big goose-egg for the evening. This setback reduced their lead to only 2 games as they have now lost 8 out of their last 9 games. Reports caught Mortgage Corporation. minus Fowler, on one of their off-nights and bagged all 3 games. "Chief" Walter Reeker of the Farm Credit Club's Discount Department, substituting for "Babe" Eufinger, was a big help to Reports as his average increased from 99 to 115 for the evening. In spite of Mel Jacomet missing 8 spare breaks, his powerful 549 was tops for this set and for the league for the evening. Rudy Havelka, pinch-hitting for Jack Fowler. gave a good account of himself with 460. Cap Veatch's snappy 310 was earmarked low in the league. The battle of the two teams in the Administrative Division was climaxed when Piper's representation bowled a big 2,378 which enabled them to take 2 games from the Annex boys. McClurg, with 517 and traffic-man Maguire with 516 were high for Administrative. Jones had an even 500 for the short-enders while Elkins was putting on a show all by himself. His 78 in the first game represented the lowest ever bowled in the league. However, he staged a terrific come-back by plastering the maples for an even 200. Legal closed the activities for the evening with 2-up over Cooperative.

TEAM STANDINGS

			Total
Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Land Bank	25	- 17	30,949
Administrative	23	19	30,233
Legal	23	19	29,980
Accounts	22	20	29,112
Graphic	20	22 .	29,281
Reports	19	23	31,075
Mortgage Corporation	18	24	28,642
Cooperative	18	24	27,200

RECORDS

H T G Reports 918 H I G Menk 246 H T S Reports 2,524 H I S Menk 598

AVERAGES

Menk 178-19 Fowler 170-19 Hein 160-26

The exhibition match put on at the Plaza Bowl between the Reports teams representing the Men's and Women's leagues finished in a rout for the men. Members of the Women's team gave a good account of themselves by towling 207 pins above their average, while the men finished 57 below. Edna Sible and Norma Shreve were the bowlers of importance, the former bowling 379 or 76 pins above her average, while the latter's contribution was 350 or 68 pins above her par. A good time was had by all and the men are seeking a revenge match some time in January.

THE ACCOUNTS TEAM OF THE MEN'S LEAGUE HAS ACCEPTED A CHALLENGE MADE BY THE WOMEN'S AUDIT TEAM FOR A BOWLING MATCH TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 4 P.M., AT THE PLAZA BOWL. CHIEF ACCOUNTANT BILL MASON WILL BE ON HAND TO REFEREE AND TO KEEP SCORE AND ORDER DURING THE MELEE. COME OUT AND ROOT FOR THE TEAM OF YOUR CHOICE. PLENTY OF SEATS ARE AVAILABLE.

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FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

In order that the kpglers may celebrate the holidays, bowling is suspended until Wednesday, January 5.

We need regular and substitute bowlers. Anyone interested call Lydia Ruch, Branch 398, or Helen McCabe, Franch 94.

December 8: Legal scored the only clean sweep of the evening when they took all 3 from Land Bank. Porter. rolling with the winners, had 169-459, which was high 10 for the evening. Securities took the first 2 but failed to take the last from F&A. Purchase took the odd game from General Files. After taking the first 2 from Stenographic, Personnel lost the last game by 3 pins. Despite Harbert's 158-464, (high 30 for the session), Reports lost 2 to Audit. December 15: The flu took its toll of the bowlers, each team having at least one substitute or dummy. Two and one was the order of the evening. General Files were unable to top Nelson's 170 for the first game but rallied and took the last 2. Nelson's 443 was high 30 for the session. Land Bank took the odd one from Purchase. McLeish's 184 (high 10 for the evening) helped Audit to take only one and Personnel moved into second place by taking the other two. After dropping the first to F&A, Reports came back for the last 2. Legal lost 2 to Securities but retained their top position in the line-up. B. Muers rolled 15% for the losers.